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Council/PH
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Agenda Item Item #4. Bill 43 (2017) Relating to the Maintenance of Channels, Streambeds,
Streambanks and Drainageways

Your position
on the matter Support

Representing Self

Organization

Do you wish
to speak at the
hearing? No

We strongly support Bill 43 (2017) which would amend the conditions under which a private stream owner must maintain, dredge and clear such stream so that the natural flow of water runs unimpaired.

For many years, those of us who live in the Salt Lake area have been concerned about the stagnation of the Salt Lake waterway, in particular. Neighbors have reported smelling a strong sewage-like odor emanating from the waterway at times. One complained that she and her neighbors, who live many blocks away from the waterway, even smell the stench on a daily basis. Our daughter, who lives in a condominium bordering the waterway said that, last year, when she went jogging along a nearby path, she smelled a strong odor by the weir (low dam) and so as a precaution has avoided the area since then. Our son, who also lives in another unit of the same condominium, said that last year, when he took his infant son in a stroller along the same path, they both were bitten by mosquitoes so he, too, has not gone back there since then, especially after learning about dengue fever and the Zika virus in the media.

Written
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This past weekend, we went ourselves to check the waterway section by the weir behind the public metered parking lot on Likini Street and were alarmed at seeing large sections of the water surface covered by masses of green algae. Although we did not smell an odor or see mosquitoes at the time, it is apparent that there is a brewing problem which, if not addressed soon, might possibly turn into a more serious and costly health/safety hazard.

Therefore, we urge that the Committee pass Bill 43 (2017). Thank you for your consideration of our written testimony.

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